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SUBJ: FBIS

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- A. PHONECON OF 25 JUNE BETWEEN MAJ SHELTON (PAO COMUSJAPAN) AND MAJ WOGGON (PAO MCB CAMP BUTLER)
1. IAW REF A, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:

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BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE FENCED-IN AREA ADJACENT TO THE FBIS BUILDING.

Q-1 WHAT WILL BE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THIS CONSTRUCTION?

A-1 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ANTENNA WILL HAVE VIRTUALLY NO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. THE ANTENNA IS PASSIVE AND EMITS NO ELECTRONIC SIGNAL. IT IS A RECEIVING ANTENNA ONLY.

Q-2 WHY IS THIS ANTENNA NECESSARY AT THIS TIME?

A-2 THE NEW ANTENNA IS A TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADING OF CURRENT

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EQUIPMENT. ALL ANTENNA^S/NOW AT THE SITE HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE THE FACILITY WAS BUILT THIRTY YEARS AGO. THE NEW ANTENNA WILL ALLOW FBIS TO KEEP CURRENT WITH THE STATE OF THE ART.

Q-3 WHAT IS THE MISSION OF FBIS?

A-3 THE BUREAU REVIEWS NEWS AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS BROADCAST BY REGIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS AND PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS OF THE AREA. FBIS THEN TRANSLATES AND TRANSMITS SELECTED ITEMS TO WASHINGTON. THE BUREAU IS A COMPONENT OF THE FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE (FBIS), WHICH IS CHARGED WITH REPORTING FROM FOREIGN PUBLIC INFORMATION MEDIA (RADIO AND PRESS) ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IT RESPONDS TO REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. FBIS DISSEMINATES ITS PRODUCT TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. ITS PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS BY SUBSCRIPTION THROUGH THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Q-4 WHAT EXACTLY DOES FBIS MONITOR?

A-4 FBIS MONITORS FOREIGN BROADCASTS OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, I.E.,

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TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWS AND COMMENTARIES, AS WELL AS NEWS-PAPERS AND NEWS WIRE SERVICES.

Q-5 IS FBIS AN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AGENCY?

A-5 FBIS MONITORS ONLY PUBLIC INFORMATION (BROADCAST AND PRINT). THE INFORMATION FBIS OBTAINS IS NOT CLASSIFIED AND IS READILY AVAILABLE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Q-6 WHO CONTROLS FBIS OKINAWA?

A-6 THE OKINAWA BUREAU, FBIS HAS BEEN AN ELEMENT OF HEADQUARTERS, USFJ SINCE REVERSION OF OKINAWA TO JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY IN 1972. PRIOR TO THAT, IT WAS ASSIGNED TO U.S. ARMY RYUKYU ISLANDS.

Q-7 DOES THE NEW ANTENNA REPRESENT A CHANGE OR EXPANSION OF THEIR ROLE?

A-7 THE NEW ANTENNA IS MERELY INTENDED TO ENHANCE RECEPTION CAPABILITIES. THE MISSION OF FBIS IS NOT BEING ALTERED OR EXPANDED IN ANY WAY.

2. FBIS HAS BEEN A POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUE IN THE PAST. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE CONCERNING THIS MATTER, AND THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION BE USED IN RESPONSE TO

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